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Letter dated 13 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is with great regret and deep sorrow that I would like to inform you that the spoilers of peace in Darfur again committed a heinous crime when Mr. Mohamed Bashar, the leader of a splinter faction of the Justice and Equality Movement who recently signed a peace agreement with the Government of the Sudan in Doha, and his deputy, Suleiman Arko Dahiya, and five members from his faction were killed in cold blood in an ambush by the Justice and Equality Movement in Pamina, inside the territories of the Republic of Chad, around 4 km from the international border between the Republics of Chad and the Sudan.

This barbaric attack committed by the Justice and Equality Movement is a clear example of its intransigence and refusal to reach a negotiated settlement with the Government of the Sudan, and the crime which it committed shows also that whenever there is a successful step made towards peace the Movement poses impediments and hurdles towards peace. The rebels who committed this terrorist crime were led by Issa al-Kuleib, Mahdi Hassab Allah and Ibrahim Mahmoud.

It is worth mentioning that the African Union has strongly condemned the killing of Commander Mohamed Bashar and other members of his movement (see annex). Moreover, the League of Arab States has also strongly condemned the attack.

The Government of the Sudan strongly urges the Security Council to condemn this crime and to impose sanctions to punish the perpetrators.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 13 May 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Press release: the African Union strongly condemns the killing of the commander of the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan and other members of his movement

Addis Ababa, 13 May 2013

The Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, has learned with great shock, about the ambush and killing, on 12 May 2013, at the border between Chad and the Sudan, of the leader of the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan, Commander Mohamed Bashar, his deputy, Suleiman Arko Dahiya, and many other members of the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan, who were heading to Darfur on a peace mission. The Chairperson of the Commission wishes to recall that Mohamed Bashar and his movement had embraced peace by signing an agreement with the Government of the Sudan on 6 April 2013 in Doha.

The Chairperson of the Commission condemns, in the strongest possible terms, this cowardly act, aimed at dissuading the hold-out groups in Darfur from joining the peace process. She urges the Government of the Sudan, with the support of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice. In the meantime, she urges restraint on the part of the Justice and Equality Movement-Bashar followers in order to allow the law to take its full course. She expresses the heartfelt condolences of the African Union to the families of the deceased.

The Chairperson of the Commission, once again, urges the hold-out movements from Darfur to emulate the Justice and Equality Movement-Sudan and join the peace process in the interest of peace and stability in Darfur.